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Changes

1.   This Change Transmittal incorporate a series of policy documents approved in the Office of Children's Issues including:

- Requirements that must be met before CA/OCS/CI may accept an outgoing Hague Access Application
- Requirements that must be met before CA/OCS/CI may accept an incoming Hague Abduction Convention Application
- Requirements on Non-Hague Abduction and Access cases

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